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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/695,766	Applicant(s) SUZUKI ET AL.	
	Examiner Patricia Leith	Art Unit 1655	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5-15, 17 and 19-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5, 6, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27 and 28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 5, 7-12, 15, 17 and 21-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17 and 19-28 are pending in the application.

Claims 5, 6, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27 and 28 were withdrawn from the merits as being directed toward a non-elected invention in the Office Action of 06/06/05.

Claims 1, 3, 7-12, 15, 17 and 21-26 were examined on their merits.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422

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F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1, 3, 7-12, 15, 17 and 21-26 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 10/339,061, claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/915,420, claims 1-6 and 9-13 of copending Application No. 10/915,419, claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/915,402 and claims 1-6 and 8-13 of copending Application No. 10/695,762. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/915,420, claims 1-6 and 9-13 of copending Application No. 10/915,419, claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/915,402 and claims 1-6 and 8-13 of copending

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Application No. 10/695,762 'anticipate' claims 1, 3, 7-12, 15, 17 and 21-26 in that the scope of Instant claims 1, 3, 7-12, 15, 17 and 21-26 fall completely within the scope of claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 10/339,061, claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/915,420, claims 1-6 and 9-13 of copending Application No. 10/915,419, claims 1-11 of copending Application No. 10/915,402 and claims 1-6 and 8-13 of copending Application No. 10/695,762 .

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1, 3, 7-12, 15, 17 and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

All of these claims are directed toward naturally-occurring fungi. In order to overcome this rejection, prior to any instance of 'Tricholoma' there should be a

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statement reading; 'a biologically pure culture of' preceding 'Tricholoma' in the independent claims. Correction is necessary.

This rejection has be reinstated because Applicant has deleted the statement that read 'a biologically pure culture of'. Although Applicant has complied with the biological deposit requirements, the deposited strain of Tricholoma is still a living organism and absent any 'hand of man' remains non-statutory subject matter.

Claims are free of the art.

No Claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia Leith whose telephone number is (571) 272-0968. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terry McKelvey can be reached on (571) 272-0775. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patricia Leith
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Leith', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

November 20, 2006